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(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Pictured, from left, are: Bill Davis, co-chairman of the Ainad Shrine Granite City pre-screening clinic; Carl Hall, clinic coordinator; Dr. R. Neseer, Granite City clinic co-chairman; and Ted Eilerman, St. Elizabeth Medical Center chief executive officer.

Shriners, SEMC team up

Clinic at hospital offers screening for children

Shriners have been providing free medical care for crippled and burned children for decades.

Next week, the Tri-City Shrine Club and St. Elizabeth Medical Center are teaming up to offer a free pre-admission screening clinic for Shriners Hospital.

The clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18, at the Koch Center at SEMC. It will be the first such clinic to be held in Granite City.

The screening is open to children under age 18 who might have orthopedic problems such as club foot, scoliosis, bowed legs, dislocated hips, or who may suffer from injuries caused by

burns. SEMC neurologist Riaz Naseer, M.D., and others will donate their services for the screenings.

"We are happy to have available facilities that can be utilized by Shriners Hospital to continue to meet their noble mission," said Ted Eilerman, president and chief executive officer of SEMC. "Any way we can help them, we would be happy to do so."

Children must be evaluated at a clinic before being referred for free medical treatment at Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. Clinics are offered on an annual basis.

"It's all free," said Junior Day, co-chairman of the clinic. "It doesn't cost anything. The hospital has donated the space. Doctors and nurses donate their time. Our only expense is in promotions."

Day said he expects 40 to 50 children to be seen at the screening. Most of them would not otherwise be able to afford services, he said.

"You can't realize the feeling you get when someone comes up to thank you because their child can walk," Day said. For more information on the clinic, call Bill Davis at 452-2562, Dan Brown at 452-6215 or Day at 466-1779.

EPA cleanup ineffective

Most homes found recontaminated in 3 years

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By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The yards of many of 38 Granite City homes where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "cleaned up" lead contaminated soil two to three years ago have already become recontaminated with lead, according to a soon-to-be-released report. And in most of the homes evaluated, lead concentration inside was actually higher after the yards outside were scraped of the top six inches of lead-contaminated soil and replaced with "clean" dirt and sod, the study says.

There are three possible explanations for the continued existence of high concentrations of lead in yards already remediated: incomplete lead cleanup by EPA's contractor, lead contamination in the supposedly "clean" soil the contractor used to replace yards or recontamination from other sources of lead.

"The Effectiveness of Soil Removal on Lead Exposure in Granite City," a new study performed by the University of Cincinnati, concludes that the EPA's \$75 million lead cleanup in Granite City has been — and will continue to be — ineffective and does not reduce health risks associated with lead exposure. The cleanup plan is ineffective because

The study results ... demonstrated that abatement of residential soil does not effectively reduce house dust lead levels and therefore is likely to have a minimal effect on lead exposure.

— Study summary

it is based on faulty assumptions and because it ignores major, ongoing sources of lead in the cleanup area that continue to contaminate property and homes, the study states.

While NL Industries operated a lead smelter in the downtown Granite City area for decades, the smelter has been shut down for 15 years. The study concludes that recontamination is coming from at least two ongoing sources EPA failed to recognize when formulating its cleanup plan six years ago.

U.S. EPA began its \$75 million cleanup of the area surrounding the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund site in 1990. (See CLEANUP, Page 2A)

Pontoon Road project may be delayed a year

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Last week, construction on a \$1.3 million improvement to Pontoon Road in Granite City was set to begin.

But a conflict between an existing underground telephone line conduit and the design of storm sewers to be installed in conjunction with the road improvement could delay the project for a year or more.

Construction on the main portion of the project, which includes a new 40-foot-wide roadway between Wabash Avenue and Maryville Road, was expected to begin July 1, after relocation of utilities.

But last week, while staking the area where a new storm sewer is to be installed, it was discovered that relocation of an Ameritech conduit carrying fiber optic lines will be necessary, according to Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer.

Relocation of the conduit could take six to eight months and cost up to \$500,000, Juneau said.

As an alternative, the design of the storm

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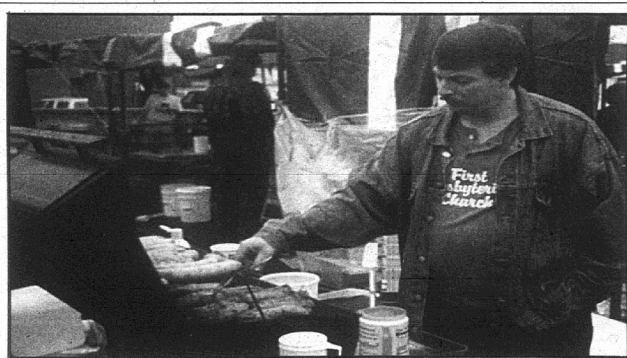
— Leo Konzen
City attorney

sewer could be changed, Juneau said.

City Attorney Leo Konzen said discussions are ongoing between the city, Ameritech and Sheppard Morgan and Schwab Inc. — the engineering firm that designed the project. The discussions are focusing on the cost of redesigning the project and who will pay for the additional work, he said.

"The council's main concern has been to avoid delays and to get the project completed before winter," Konzen said.

The project is the third phase of a plan to (See PROJECT, Page 7A)



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Cookin' — Jeff Frost of First Presbyterian Church prepares bratwurst at the International Festival in downtown Granite City last weekend. More photos on Page 3A.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

Top Teen

Tara Wiebusch is a leader. A senior at GCHS, Tara was selected to attend the International Leadership Conference at Camp Miniwanea in Michigan. She is also an ALPHA peer leader and received the "I DARE You" Leadership Award.

Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, high honor roll, honors program, Who's Who, Belleville Area Youth Salute, editor of the yearbook, Quill and Scroll, Science Club, Photography Club president, Social Studies Club, varsity volleyball, 30 Days of Fitness, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Homecoming Court and Red Peppers. She is the daughter of Roger and Evelyn Wiebusch.



Tara Wiebusch

Port a finalist for large project

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Tri-City Port is one of two sites still being considered for a new \$100 million soybean processing facility.

The facility is expected to create more than 225 new jobs. The local port and three others were initially considered by ConAgra of Omaha for the project.

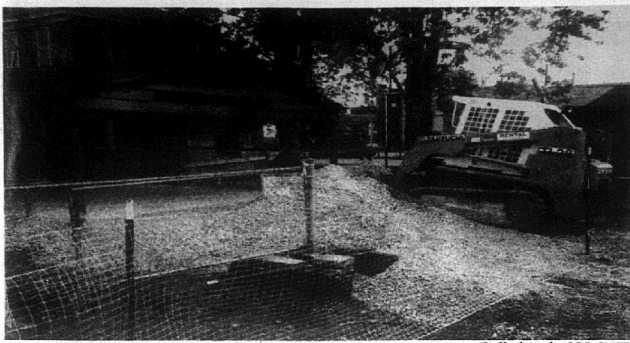
While ConAgra had expected to make a location decision by April 1, that date has been pushed back several times as ConAgra does more in-depth

research into the prospective sites.

"I have been told a final decision will be made Monday," said Bob Wydra, general manager of the Tri-City Regional Port.

Officials representing all of the prospective sites — including the local port authorities — have presented competing incentive proposals to ConAgra in an attempt to lure the plant and the related jobs.

Wydra said ConAgra representatives have recently requested more specific information. (See PORT, Page 7A)



Rainy day spirits

Soggy weather takes its toll on psyches

If weeks of soggy weather have you kicking the dog or snapping at the kids, take heart. You are not alone.

The late spring and weeks of rain have put many in a morose mood.

Belleville psychologist Jeffrie Silverberg said people's reaction to bad weather depends on their mental status and how long the lousy weather lasts.

"Most people accommodate shifts in the weather well, but anyone will react to protracted periods of unpleasant weather," he said. "Someone who is already struggling with personal issues may find themselves more sensitive."

Many people are trying to block out spring by looking forward to the brighter days and happier nights of summer, he said.

"Somehow the world seems to be a better place when there's bright sun out and you can feel the warmth."

But dreaming of summer has been a tough chore; it has rained 23 of the last 25 days in Metro East.

Scientists have labeled severe cases of sun-deprived depression as Seasonal Affective Disorder, a condition that is not common but usually occurs in the late winter.

"SAD is well established as afflicting individuals who are experiencing deprivation of adequate levels of sunlight," Silverberg said. "That's a small segment of the population."

Treatment involves psychotherapy and the use of fluorescent lights that mimic sunshine.

Clinical psychologist Cameron Meredith of Alton said blaming the gloominess for your moodiness is hogwash.

"We create our own emotions and use them to suit our goals or purposes," Meredith said. "People decide to be depressed — they are not victims of the weather."

People looking for excuses to feel sorry for themselves might take advantage of the seasonal doldrums, Meredith said.

"They've chosen to feel discouraged. The weather has no power to make us moody," But Silverberg said he is convinced dreary days result in dreary spirits.

"The problem with the Midwest is, spring brings a lot of rain and cloudiness, and it gets tiring. People tell me they don't want to live here any more because of that. It affects virtually everybody."

— From The Telegraph

Mobile home park plan advances

Pontoon Beach endorses proposal to expand, improve park

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A plan to upgrade the Lake Drive Mobile Home Park was given tentative approval by Pontoon Beach village officials at an Economic Development Committee meeting Friday.

Kevin Kropf, a St. Louis developer, has proposed expanding the mobile home park, which would be called Lakewood Estates.

As part of the expansion, older mobile homes and substandard lots would be replaced over a period of time.

Village board members have been trying to bring the homes in the park up to code since the present owners indicated they wanted to

sell, but it has been impossible to do because of the size of the homes and lots.

Kropf's plan would eventually result in approximately 41 mobile home lots, an increase from the present 35.

However, all the new lots would meet village size requirements, have new or one-year-old mobile homes, parking pads and access roads.

The development would occur in two phases. First, approximately 18 new lots along Lake Drive and Rapp Road would be developed.

Kropf said he plans to sell new homes to tenants, but others might be allowed in. Village board members said they wanted used mobile homes limited to those one year old.

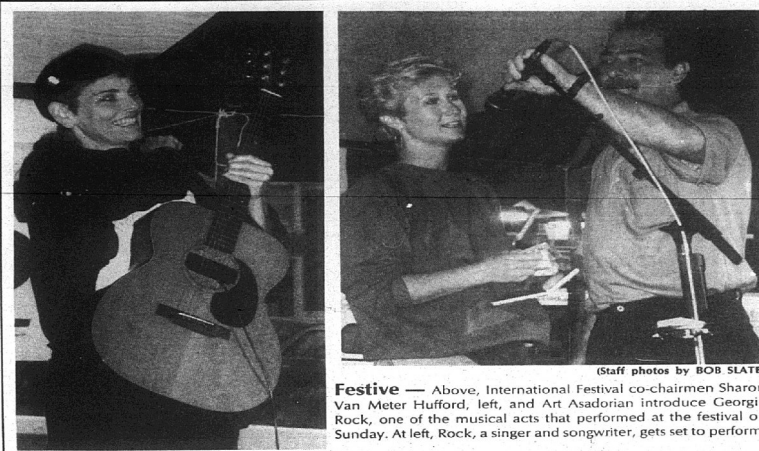
Current residents would be allowed to remain

in their lots, but no new residents would be allowed in that section of the mobile home park. When the present residents are gone, the lots would be redesigned to meet village requirements.

Kropf also said he would make an effort to have present tenants' homes moved to full-sized lots within the park.

The committee also talked about annexing undeveloped land owned by Mike Sasyk and Kelly Dulko in the Arlington area.

Chairman Mike Macek said that after the undeveloped land is brought in, the village will start annexing smaller parcels where residents have indicated they want to join the village.



(Staff photos by BOB SLATE)

Festive — Above, International Festival co-chairmen Sharon Van Meter Hufford, left, and Art Asadorian introduce George Rock, one of the musical acts that performed at the festival on Sunday. At left, Rock, a singer and songwriter, gets set to perform.

County food plan opposed

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Zigmund Konieczny of Collinsville says he has nothing against the idea of food being served from within safe, clean conditions.

But he does have a problem with Madison County's recently passed food sanitation ordinance that will be sending inspectors to sites all over the county to do inspections for just that purpose.

Konieczny is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City. Through the Madison County Baptist Association, the church is one of 15 involved with the "Meals of Love" program. Last week, the participating churches are responsible for donations, preparing, delivering and serving one meal every 15 weeks.

"We've been doing this for years and years," Konieczny said. "We've had pot lucks for years and years. I just don't like the idea that somebody could come in and cite you for having a home-made piece of pie."

Donald Brannon, director of the Health Department, has said that isn't likely to happen. But Konieczny isn't alone in his concerns. Last week, a petition signed by more than 500 people was filed with the board objecting to government regulation of any kind regarding our use of food fund-raisers or our social activities with our not-for-profit organizations.

The new ordinance, passed last week by the county board, requires all food service providers to have county permits. It sets fees for permits but exempts nonprofit organizations unless they have a yearly liquor license or have a state sales tax number.

The annual fee is \$75 for establishments that sell only prepackaged food or beverages or do only limited preparation of foods that are not potentially hazardous. Those establishments will likely be inspected once a year or every other year.

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Scuba lessons slated

Registration is now underway for scuba lessons for all age groups. The deadline for registration is June 1. All text materials and equipment will be provided, or you may bring your own gear.

Cost of the lessons is \$225. The class will be held on Tuesday, June 4, through July 2. Classroom text will be held at the ice rink from 8 to 8 p.m. and water instruction in the pool from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.

This class requires the approval of the instructor, Phil Lamm, a longtime certified scuba instructor, and is limited to 10 students.

Screening and registration will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Aquatic Adventures Unlimited, 3133 W. Chain of Rocks Road in Granite City.

Register now to ensure your enrollment. Call 931-6275 or 877-3059 for more information.

Sock hop revisited

Centennial to include dance

One of the most popular teen spots in Granite City in the 1950s and '60s was the pavilion overlooking the Wilson Park swimming pool. Many a summer afternoon and evening was spent listening to the Top Ten echoing from the juke box in the corner.


On Saturday, June 29, during the Granite City Centennial celebration, residents will have a chance to relive those "Good Ole Days" at the Sock Hop.

The dance will begin at 7 p.m. at the old pavilion and feature music from the '50s and '60s. There will be dance contests in the jitterbug, Latin and Polka styles. Prizes will be awarded to winners in the dance contests.

Admission will be \$10 per person. Tickets are available at Kathy Goclan Insurance Agency, 1739 Pontoon Road, at the Wilson Park office, or by calling Sandy Crites at 452-1764, Karen York at 452-9216 or Dave Polivick at 877-3059.

Those attending are encouraged to wear '50s style apparel. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

Those interested in entering the dance contest should send their names, addresses and telephone numbers, along with an entry fee of \$10 per couple, to: Centennial Sock Hop, #8 Mercer Drive, Granite City, IL 62040. The deadline to enter is June 1.



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Opinion

Carol's comments Kooks get just desserts

A word of commendation for Madison County States Attorney Bill Haine. I've known Bill a long time and consider him a friend.

Don't always agree with him, of course, but I'll give him credit for knowing how to deal with kooks. Specifically some area folks who aren't wrapped too tightly and have been rejecting the authority of the established court system and claiming to answer only to something they call "Our One Supreme Court."

Haine has instructed the circuit clerk's office to reject documents submitted by a Highland man who recently failed to show up in court on a speeding ticket, claiming to be subject only to "Our One Supreme Court."

And Haine also rejected liens that others of the same persuasion have been attempting to file against some Highland bank officials.

Haine has made clear that "Our One Supreme Court" has no standing in law and that the Highland man's case will be handled as would any other similar case. The gentleman will be sent a notice to appear within 30 days and his failure to do so will result in the issuance of an arrest warrant charging him with contempt of court.

Further, Haine has made the laudable suggestion that these oddballs in the future address their correspondence to Disney World, care of Goofy. Right on, Bill!

Not that Madison County is alone in trying to deal with these wiggled-out characters.

Missouri (especially in Lincoln and Boone counties) is in the same fix and state Attorney General Jay Nixon is being kept busy these days trying to remove similar phony liens from records in those two counties.

Recently, I watched a 15-minute news segment on TV in which reference to the same type of activity in Georgia was mentioned, so I guess the woods are full of these types.

The two men interviewed on the program, one a former FBI official and the other an academic in the field of "government and law, both agreed that these so-called 'sovereign citizens' are part and parcel of the current troublesome 'freemen' groups, especially popular in our more rural areas.

Neither of the two experts appeared to believe that these dissidents pose any real threat to what most of us accept as law and order, and I hope they know what they're talking about.

But in view of last year's Oklahoma City bombing and the standoff this year in Montana, it's hard to be sanguine about these mushrooming oddball groups. That they're interconnected was evidenced a few weeks



Carol Clarkin

ago when "Our One Supreme Court" convened in a Quincy, Ill., motel for a couple of days, with judges and jurors being chosen by participants from among themselves.

A so-called "common law" court, no law degree necessary for those sitting on the bench.

Basically, no knowledge of the law necessary for active participation (legal counsel for either defendants or plaintiffs) required. The court itself, according to a spokesman, had jurisdiction for one day only and covered both Missouri and Illinois.

Interestingly, they claim no jurisdiction in criminal cases, dealing only in civil cases—and a large segment of the plaintiffs in these appear to be fighting traffic tickets and tax cases.

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One couple, seeking tax abatement from IRS tax debts totaling about \$3,350 for a three-year period, based their case on denial that anyone living outside the boundaries of the District of Columbia (except federal employees, politicians, appointees, etc.) can legally be taxed by the federal government.

It's going to be interesting to learn how the Internal Revenue Service deals with THAT kind of convoluted thinking.

I'm tempted to hope these folks stick to their guns (metaphorically speaking, of course) just as it might be fun to find out how our area traffic offender might like a sojourn in the county motel on Randle Street.

Actually, I'm trusting that Matt Melick's office simply deposits them in the proper file. The one the janitorial service empties every evening.



Letters to the editor

Editorial far off the mark

TO THE EDITOR:
In your March 17 edition of the *Journal*, there was an editorial on the candidates running for office on March 19. Unfortunately, a decent and hard working woman by the name of Helen M. Hawkins was raked through a pile of mud.

While I have no problem learning of both the pros and cons of any candidate that I may potentially vote for, I, at the very least, expect facts. The information reported by your newspaper was so completely off the mark I shot Helen Hawkins that I had to reread it several times to make sure we were talking about the same person.

The person I know detests the special treatment that so many politicians give to the so-called "special interest groups." If Helen seems so attentive to the Dobrey Slough problems, it is not merely to gain votes, it is because she lives among us and knows the real problems we have faced in the past. It is because she is the only one who will listen about the four inches of water in our basements, the only one who seems to care that the foundations in our homes are cracking, the only one who has actually taken an interest. So, if you call that self-serving, then I think you need to redefine those words and the connotations that ring from them.

I cannot remember the exact words, but I believe Helen Hawkins was referred to as a "whiner" and not a "doer,"

but someone merely wanting to "draw attention to herself."

The source for your article so conveniently omitted several facts about her, like personally calling on everyone who so desperately needed help during the most recent spring floods of 1995. The rainwater literally swamped the residents of Roney, Angela, Henlock, Pine and Lynch. So many people were calling on Helen because they simply did not know where else to turn.

No one was ignored. She did all that was humanly possible, like sandbagging 'til three in the morning or making sure that our elderly neighbors who were literally stranded due to the standing water on Pine Street had their medicine and any groceries they may need. She begged and pleaded for any spare pumps to help relieve the flooding in so many basements, then delivered them, all the while her own basement was filling with water and sand. I don't think so.

I remember phone calls from Helen at one on the morning checking on my family only to apologize for the late hour, but she just had so many people to see. Now, in my book, that is a far cry from "whining" and "not doing," and I certainly don't recall seeing this information in print anywhere.

Therefore, she didn't quite manage to draw a huge amount of attention to herself. If anything, she was apologetic and heartbroken that she couldn't do more.

But, as I look back in hindsight, I find one thing most puzzling. I don't recall seeing Helen's opponent around this

area that spring. Actually, most of the neighbors in this part of the county had never heard of her until recently. So, we only pray that if she becomes a member of the Madison County Board, she will make an appearance should the occasion arise. But we aren't counting on it.

RONDA WHITTINGTON
Granite City

Aliens bill had major flaws

TO THE EDITOR:
In response to a recently published letter to the editor that criticized my vote on HB3510, the bill to deport illegal aliens: That particular bill had some major flaws that should be pointed out.

The number one flaw was the fact that there was no provision in the bill that would require the illegal aliens to serve their sentences in their country of origin. This would, in reality, allow convicted felons, including murderers, sex offenders and rapists, to go free without serving their required sentence. The taxpayers of Illinois would, in effect, be paying for their trip home to live as free as a bird.

Under the bill, we would be sending a very strong message to all illegal immigrants to come to Illinois, where they can commit any horrendous crime and the only punishment will be a free plane ticket home. However, once they have been deported, they can come into this state illegally just as they did before and murder, rape and pillage again.

I believe that when a person

commits a felonious crime in Illinois they should be punished for their deeds, and I believe the victims and their families should receive satisfaction from our justice system by knowing that the criminals who brought harm to them will be locked up and not set free to repeat their crimes. I don't feel that keeping felons behind bars and off of our streets is a waste of taxpayers' money, and I am proud to have cast my vote against this ill-conceived, pro-crime and anti-victim piece of legislation.

STEVE DAVIS
State Representative
11th District

Charter schools deserve chance

TO THE EDITOR:
I couldn't agree more with the comments made by Jim Mihalic in the Feb. 27 article on charter schools. Mihalic, who is running against State Rep. Steve Davis, was right on the mark when he described charter schools as "education laboratories where teachers can try new and innovative ways to teach our kids." After all, states like Missouri have had great success with charter schools.

Mihalic was also right on when he labeled Davis a "big government liberal" for voting against the charter schools bill. Liberals like Davis don't have faith in teachers and parents to take care of our children's education.

Such an attitude reeks of arrogance.

E. HALEMEYER
Bethalto

Repetition is advertising's key

Remember these old advertisement slogans? "It cleans like a white tornado...," "America's Number One Road Car," "Promise her anything but give her...," "Always an adventure in good eating"... "It's a wonderful toy, it's..."

Or these: "If you've got the time, we've got the beer..."

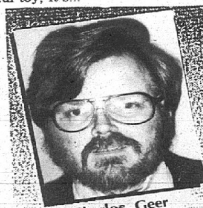
"No-nonsense fit at a no-nonsense price"... "Strong enough for a man, but made for a woman"... "We're looking for a few good men"... "The heartbeat of America."

Or these: "My bologna has a first name, it's... because you're worth it"... "More complete from A to Zine"... "Just for the taste of it..." "It keeps going and going and going..."

(The products behind these slogans are listed at the end of the column.)

None of these slogans is newer than 10 years old, but anyone old enough to talk can recognize at least one of them, thanks to the appearance on TV. It's a tribute to those people who think up the slogans, then pound them repeatedly into our brains.

To explain the subtleties of advertising is the subject of many



Charles Geer

opinion
shapers

a book. Ted Bates, the founder of his own successful agency, once summed up his approach this way: "Tell them. Tell them you told them. Tell them you told them. Tell them you told them."

Gobbledygook? No, just repetition. Sheer repetition. The secret of successful advertising is repetition. It spurs the sale of new brands and keeps the old ones on top.

The flip side of this, however, is there are children who can sing beer jingles before they can legally drink. The Center for Alcohol Advertising in late April released a study of 221 children 9 to 11 years old in San Francisco.

Their conclusion? More kids recognized the "Bud...weis...er" frogs than Tony the Tiger, Smokey Bear or the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Only Bugs Bunny was more well-known than those burping bullfrogs.

While Anheuser-Busch officials deny they're trying to sell beer to youngsters, the power of those frogs can't be denied. They are hoping when they say "frog," you'll jump for a Budweiser.

Repeating a clever message made Oscar Meyer "the first name in bologna." It made Centrum stand out on a crowded vitamin shelf. And, how many of us cheer — or groan — when we see the latest installment of that atom-beating bunny?

Would that be that effective in driving home the things that are really worth remembering? Such things as love, fairness and respect for one another. Kindness. Compassion. Faith.

(Answers to slogans listed above: Ajax liquid cleaner, 1992; Pontiac, 1993; Arpege perfume, 1988; Duncan Hines cake mix, 1960; Ideal toys, 1983; Miller beer, 1973; No Nonsense pantyhose, 1974; Secret deodorant, 1978; U.S. Marine Corps, 1974; L'Oréal Preference 1979; Chevrolet, 1986; Oscar Meyer, 1977; L'Oréal Preference 1979; Centrum, 1983; Diet Coke, 1982; and Energizer batteries, 1986.)

(Charles Geer is a resident of Granite City.)

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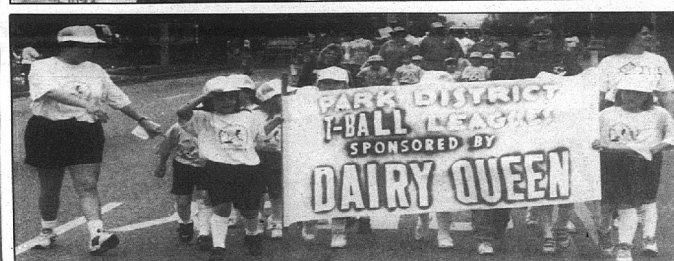
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The Granite City Park District held its annual baseball parade Saturday. Teams from park district youth leagues marched down Madison Avenue from 24th Street to Wilson Park, where the ceremonial first pitch was thrown. At left, the Granite City High School Band and auxiliaries perform for the crowd.



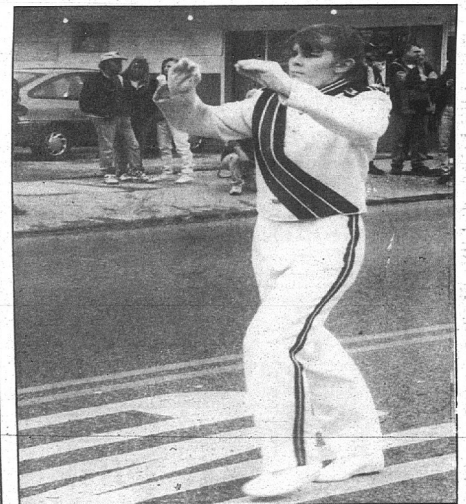
Mike Dixon drives his car of the future.

Parade opens season



(Staff photos by BOB SLATE)

Entertaining the crowd, above, is the Waterloo German Band. Above left, St. Louis Rams cheerleaders Melinda O'Rear and Melissa Pennell wave to the crowd. Below left, a team from the district's T-ball league, which is being sponsored this year by Dairy Queen restaurants, marches down the street.



Drum major Katrina Benson leads the GCHS band.

THE VOICE BOX:

Do you think we, as parents, push our children too hard to satisfy goals we have failed to achieve?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Tanya Hunt Granite City
"In general, I think we do it to satisfy ourselves. Maybe, even so, they will do better than we have."



Jennifer Ochoa Granite City
"I think parents should let their kids be kids for as long as possible. We push them to grow too fast. It is good to allow our children to make their own decisions. They need to depend on us for guidance."



Krista Torres Granite City
"I feel we do, because we don't want them to make the same mistakes we did. We also want more for our children than we made for ourselves."



Cathy (Antoff) Moore Granite City
"I don't think I push my children into doing anything they don't want to do. If anything, I need to learn how to say 'no' when they want to get involved in another activity or sports."



Celia Ybarra Lomax Granite City
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A Mother's Day gift

Reunion ends woman's 43 years of grief

By Carol Clarkin
Correspondent

For Joyce Eaves Jones of Edwardsville and Sharon Jones Norsigian of Fairview Heights, there's something fitting this year that Mother's Day falls on May 12, the day after Sharon's 44th birthday.

For the past 43 years, May 11 has been the day that Joyce has gone to bed early and cried herself to sleep.

But no longer.

And thereby hangs a tale, one with a happy ending.

In 1952, Joyce Eaves, originally from Martin, Tenn., was 17 years old, unmarried and pregnant, and living with a married sister in Glen Carbon. On May 11, she gave birth to Sharon in an East St. Louis hospital.

Three days later, she saw her infant daughter for two minutes, signed adoption papers, and watched as her baby was taken from the room to be given to the adoptive parents waiting anxiously outside the hospital.

Later the same year, in November, Joyce met Bobbie Jones, the man she was to marry. "It became serious and Bobbie asked me to marry him. I told him about the baby. I couldn't NOT have told him, and he said it wasn't important, he didn't care."

Bobbie and Joyce's marriage produced five daughters (Donna, Paula, Brenda, Marsha, and Kay) and as they grew up, they became aware of their mother's annual "sad" day. "We always noticed that there'd be one nice spring day when Mom was REALLY depressed, but we never knew why," one daughter explained recently.

And while the Jones family was thriving in Madison County, Sharon was growing up in St. Clair County, first in East St. Louis and, when she turned 6, in Fairview Heights.

She still lives in the same house her adoptive parents built here. She had no siblings, but her parents were loving and caring. "Actually, they spoiled me rotten," she says now.

When she was 5 years old, they told her she had been adopted, fearing she'd learn this from another source once she started school, and told her the subject would always be open for discussion.

Somehow, it wasn't discussed until about three weeks after her father died in 1980 and her mother told her, "It's time now that you try to find your birth mother." and gave her the adoption papers which had been kept in a bank safety deposit box.

"My mother gave me the basic story, all she actually knew. That my birth mother had come from somewhere in the South and that she had been young and unmarried. All we had to go on was the information on the adoption papers, her first and maiden names. And I didn't start looking for her for another three or four years."

"Then, in 1984, I began. I wrote letters, lots of letters, and I made phone calls, lots of phone calls, and there were intervals in that 11 years when I nearly gave up."

"My adoptive mother encouraged me immensely, she really PUSHED me, but she died in February of '95, following two strokes, and I learned of a woman in Belleville, Karen Saunders,

"I'd always known it would have to be her choice to look for me, but I was never sure it would ever happen. I'll never cry myself to sleep again on May 11, that's for sure!"

— Joyce Jones

who does searches.

One problem in the search for Joyce surfaced when the two women learned that though Joyce had been born in Tennessee, there was no birth record. But somehow, through her own sources, Karen found Martin, Tenn., as a possibility and Sharon drove down to do some of her own research.

"I learned a lot. I found Joyce's father's obituary and a list of

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Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville beginning May 17.
Course 5 is Friday, May 17, from 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Course 6 is Friday, May 31, from 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free. Students enrolling must be 16 years of age.
For registration contact Southern Illinois University at Carbondale toll free at 1-800-642-9589.

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Obituary

Delmar E. Jones
Delmar E. Jones, 78, of Granite City, died Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at the AMVETS Home. He was born in Granite City, where he lived his entire life. He was a member of the AMVETS Post 100, and a member of the Granite City Lions Club. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and his son, Delmar Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Mary, and his son, Delmar Jr. Burial will be in the AMVETS Home. Visitation will be on Friday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the AMVETS Home. The service will be at 12 p.m. at the AMVETS Home. The casket will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the AMVETS Home.

Leslie C. Jones
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Obituaries

Delmar Groves

Delmar E. Groves, 75, of Granite City died at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-month illness. He was born Feb. 9, 1921, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A crane operator with American Steel Foundry, Mr. Groves was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans in Granite City and a member of the AMVETS Post 204 in Madison. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine (Mondy) Groves, whom he married Nov. 23, 1963, in Madison; one daughter, Gloria Kaye Dover of Granite City; his mother, Alta (Fritchett) Carpenter of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Barbara Jones of Las Vegas; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Newton Groves; his stepfather, Mack Carpenter; and one brother, Harold Groves.

Memorial services are pending with Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Dearborn Ave., in Granite City.

Lessie Crawford

Lessie (Gould) Crawford, 85, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis County, died at 11:05 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, following a two-year illness.

Born Aug. 1, 1907, in Maynard, Ark., she had been a resident of Granite City for 60 years.

A homemaker, she was of the Free Will Baptist faith.

Survivors include one son, Thomas Crawford of Highland; two daughters, Dorothy Crawford of Lancaster of Huntington, W.Va., and Ida Mae Murray of Granite City.

Port

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mation about the soil conditions of the proposed Tri-City site and a computer disc containing the local site plan on which to do design work.

While that request hedges the local contingency, Wydra declined to speculate about the port's prospect of attracting the local plan.

"I try not to jump to conclusions based on guesswork," he said.

The port has worked with the city, county and state to obtain low-interest loans and other grants that would considerably reduce the company's costs to locate here.

The port is coordinating an effort to obtain environmental offsets from companies in the St. Louis region that have air permits but are currently not utilizing their total permitted allotment of emissions.

The procurement of environmental credits ConAgra will need to obtain permits — the most difficult aspect of the incentive package has been completed, Wydra said.

"I think that issue is taken care of," he said.

The utilization of Enterprise Zones and tax increment financing have also been explored, Wydra said.

To utilize tax increment

City; two sisters, Christine Roberts of Madison and Zena Mack of Pocatong, Ark.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Crawford, whom she married in May 1939, and who died in 1976; one son, William T. Murray; her parents, Clate and Ida (Stumpe) Gould; and seven brothers and sisters.

Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Richard Hicks

Richard L. Hicks, 59, of Madison, formerly of Cahokia, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday, May 8, 1996, at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Louis County.

Born June 30, 1936, in Morehouse, Mo., he had been a resident of Cahokia for 15 years prior to moving to Madison nine years ago.

An engineer specialist in the United States Army, he owned and operated a business at Station in Cahokia for seven years and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one stepdaughter, Alice Wagoner of Kentucky; one son, Betty Brooks of Alabama; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Jean (Oliver) Hicks, who died in 1978; his parents, Henry and Ada Hicks; and two sisters, Eva Miffin and Doris.

Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

financing, the facility would have to be located in a city. One of the port sites is located near Granite City — but in unincorporated Venice Township, while the other is in Madison.

Granite City officials have discussed annexation of port property in the past, but officials from the cities of Madison and Venice and from Venice Township would have to agree before the property can be taken.

In addition to work by the port district staff, representatives from the state Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Madison County, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission, the Regional Commerce and Growth Association, the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority and Illinois Power contributed to the port district's presentation.

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Mary Lobstein

Mary Jean (Brooks) Lobstein, 74, of Collinsville died at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at her residence. She was born April 29, 1921, in Maplewood.

A secretary with K&R Insurance, she attended First United Methodist Church in Granite City and was a member of the Priscilla Circle.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Lobstein, whom she married June 15, 1973; one daughter, Barbara Wieser of Collinsville; three stepsons, Doug Lobstein of Belleville, Tom Lobstein of Highland and Mark Lobstein of Forest, Miss.; two stepdaughters, Kay Wilder of Carlyle and Myra Martin of Hendersonville, Tenn.; three sisters, Golda Granger of Granite City, Verna Hagler of Carbondale and Eileen Montgomery of Orlando, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew D. and Ora E. (Short) Brooks; one brother, and two sisters.

No visitation is scheduled. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, 207 W. Church St. in Collinsville, with the Rev. Donald Burroughs officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for Wood River Township Hospital.

Computer camps for children

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will offer two computer camps for children, ages 7-15, this summer.

Sponsored by the School of Education, the day camps are scheduled July 17-28 and July 29-30. Camp sessions will meet from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. Registration is \$175, which includes a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

Campers will receive three hours of computer instruction each day on either Apple Macintosh or IBM PCs. In the classroom, children will be grouped according to age, ability and prior camp experience.

The goal will be to provide campers not only a positive learning experience with computers, but also an educationally sound experience which will be of value both in their work with computers at home and in school.

Campers will be instructed in three main areas: keyboarding, computer programming, and problem-solving. Keyboarding skills will be practiced every laboratory period.

Recreational activities include: swimming, tennis, racquetball, softball, soccer and other games.

For information, contact Don Baden, associate dean in the School of Education and director of summer computer camps, at 692-2238.

Project

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improve the entire length of Pontoon Road. Two years ago, during the second phase, delays forced the project to shut down for the winter in the middle of construction. Business owners within the construction area at that time complained that the project was severely hampered their business and some even closed down permanently.

The city has already purchased rights-of-way for the project, which calls for a new 40-foot-wide concrete road surface; two 12-foot-wide traffic lanes and two eight-foot-wide parking lanes. New sidewalks are also to be installed.

Several changes in traffic control will be made along the route. For example, stop signs on Pontoon at its intersection with Franklin Avenue will be removed, and a three-way stop at Pontoon and Madison roads will be signaled. The signalized intersection will have left- and right-turn lanes onto Pontoon Road from John Road, where only one traffic lane currently exists.

Thiens Construction Co. of Edwardsville was the low bidder on the project.

Cecile Elkins

Cecile B. (Clutts) Elkins, 77, of Granite City died at 2:25 a.m. Monday, May 8, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Nov. 15, 1918, in Grand Tower, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1942.

A homemaker, she attended Trinity Tabernacle Church in Madison.

Survivors include her husband, William Elkins, whom she married April 3, 1939; one son, Truman Elkins of Granite City; two brothers, Harold "Shorty" Clutts of Grand Tower and Miller Clutts of Granite City; and five sisters, Rose Reynolds of Indiana, Clara Mae Elliott of Grand Tower, Mary Huddleston of Farmington, Mo., and Laura Elkins and Alice, both of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Birdie (Campbell) Clutts; two brothers; and one sister.

Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. J.C. Huddleston officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Drunken drivers lose court ruling

A drunken driver's loss is a prosecutor's gain.

The 13th District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon has rejected an argument that suspending the driving privileges of alleged drunken drivers in addition to prosecuting the driver criminally qualified as double jeopardy.

"It's a very important decision for the entire state," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said. "The decision allows the police and prosecutors to continue our efforts of ridding drunken drivers from our roads."

Edwardsville attorney Brian Polinske last year appealed the convictions of four DUI defendants, claiming they were subject to double punishment when the state suspended their drivers licenses and then prosecuted them for drunken driving.

The four defendants, three of whom had refused breath-analysis tests and one who had failed a test, filed petitions to rescind the statutory summary suspensions. Each was denied.

The defendants then filed motions to dismiss the criminal DUI charges, based on the grounds of double jeopardy. The motions were dismissed by Madison County Associate Judge Ann Callis-Ronney.

Polinske, who represented the four defendants, argued that his clients' constitutional rights were violated when they were punished twice for the same offense.

The higher court agreed with the trial judge and said that driving is a legal privilege, not a constitutional right. The decision said the suspensions served as an administrative device to remove impaired drivers from the road promptly, and not part of the criminal process.

— From The Telegraph

Best principal sought

Teachers take care of our children each school day. But who takes care of the teachers?

Being a school principal is often a thankless job. While teachers are frequently loved by students and parents, many times principals are required to discipline students, teachers or other staff members.

But principals are ultimately responsible for the effectiveness of the school building's operation. They are the glue that holds a school together. They are a necessary part of the education system and deserve recognition.

As part of our monthly "Best Bet" feature, where we seek the best of a particular category, we're asking readers of the Granite City Press-Record and Granite City Journal to vote for their favorite current school principal.

Nominations for Best Bet can come from any community in the Granite City coverage area, including Madison, Venice, Pontoon Beach, Mitchell and Brooklyn.

To vote, call 344-2340 before 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. You will be asked to leave a recorded vote.

After the series of bells, please state the name of the person you think is the best principal, as well as the school at which he or she works. After you've voted, hang up and your vote will be recorded.

The winner will be announced in the May 23 edition of the Press-Record.

In the interest of fairness, please limit your voting to no more than once a day.

form of commercial district from residential. Most of the businesses along the strip between Maryville Road and Washburn Avenue have been granted non-conforming use permits since the city lost a zoning lawsuit five years ago.

A committee of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission has been considering the city's zoning classification. The committee will meet again at 6 p.m. tonight at City Hall.

While no specific zoning classification has been set for the neighborhood, one possibility being discussed is a B-1 zoning district.

The city has one B-1 district on Madison Avenue between 24th Street and 30th Street. It is designed to provide a buffer between commercially and residentially-zoned districts, and some commercial operations, such as professional offices and small stores, are allowed. There are tight restrictions on signs, lighting, hours of operation and screening in the Madison Avenue B-1 district. The restrictions are intended to prevent businesses from becoming a nuisance to nearby residences.

Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

AUSTIN, Carmel W., 55, of Granite City, formerly of Indian Mound, Tenn., died at 6:43 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 1996, at Club Spring, Ark. Services were Wednesday at Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, Tenn., by the Rev. Mark Maynard. Burial in Austin Cemetery, Indian Mound. Local arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

BAY, Herbert "Bud," 83, of Granite City died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 1996, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

COURTNEY, Helen E. (Johnson), 88, of Bunker Hill, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 1996, at her residence. Services were Tuesday at Landers Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, by the Rev. Robert Porter. Burial in Bunker Hill City Cemetery. Bunker Hill Memorials to Salvation Army.

GARCIA, Joseph, 74, of Granite City died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. Services were Saturday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Francis Tebangura. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Edwardsville Care Center East.

GODFREY, Jacqueline (Sartin), 63, of Granite City died at 3:15 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, at St. Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. Services were Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

GOODE, Lester V., 83, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were Monday at Clark Avenue Church of Christ, Granite City, by the Rev. Charles Pike. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to the Parkinson Foundation.

KEILBACH, Florene Laverne (Wickham), 75, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Health Care Center, St. Elizabeth. Services were May 1 at Reky's Funeral Home, Iberia, Mo., by the Rev. George Edwards. Burial in Mount Zion Cemetery.

KELLY, William P., 86, of Granite City died at 1:37 a.m. Sunday, May 5, 1996, at Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Burial in St.

John Cemetery, Granite City.

MARTIN, Thomas H., 55, of Granite City died Saturday, April 27, 1996, at his residence. Memorial services being held at 9:45 a.m. today, Thursday, in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

NELSON, Selma E., 85, of Hoopston, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, at Hopshton Community Hospital. Services were Monday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. David Carter. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

ONTI, Agnes M., 75, of Granite City, died at 11:39 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, in Granite City. Graveside services and burial were Saturday in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Belleville, by the Rev. James J. Kelly. Arrangements by Kassy Mortuary Ltd., Fairview Heights.

PHILLIPS, Loyce E., 71, of Granite City died Friday, May 3, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Burial in Union, Tenn. Burial in East View Cemetery, Union, Tenn. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

PURCELL, Cora E., 93, of Frankfort, Ind., died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at Clinton House, Frankfort. Graveside services and burial were Saturday in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. William Davis. Arrangements by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City.

PURKEY, Ruth H. (Hartline), 98, of Granite City died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

ROMEO, Mildred E. (Block), 68, of Collinsville died at 12:58 a.m. Monday, May 6, 1996, at Memorial Hospital, Bellview. Services and burial were Wednesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Donald DeGrand. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

WACHTER, Jacob J., 78, of Granite City died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Melton plans mayoral run

Former Granite City School Board president and long-time political activist Edward "Dewey" Melton will challenge Mayor Ron Selph in next spring's mayoral election.

Melton, 57, said Monday that he will officially announce his candidacy soon.

Mayor Ron Selph, who intends to announce his intention to seek re-election at a campaign kick-off breakfast May 16, had nothing but praise for Melton.

Festival damp, but successful

Weekend rain dampened the crowd — but not the spirit — at the first-ever International Festival in downtown Granite City.

On Friday night, an estimated 800 people attended the festival, held in the 1900 block between Edison Avenue and State Street, following a kick-off parade.

Crowds on Saturday and Sunday were much smaller, probably because of a near-constant rain those two days.

"The weather probably hurt us. But we were pretty pleased overall," said Sharon Van Meter Hufford, festival chairwoman.

County crime rate climbs

While statewide statistics showed a slight drop in the number of crimes committed in 1995, local law enforcement agencies showed mixed results for the past year.

The highest increase was a jump of more than 300 percent in the number of aggravated assault/battery cases reported to the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

"Crime in Illinois," the annual report put out by the Illinois State Police, showed the overall crime rate in Madison County increased 4.9 percent.

Countywide, the report showed a total of 13,113 serious crimes — murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault/battery, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson — a 4.1 percent increase over the 12,501 crimes reported in 1994.

Madison OKs loan

The Madison City Council approved borrowing up to \$300,000 from Omni Bank in Pontoon Beach to finance the renovation of a new city hall at 615 Madison Ave.

The council approved the purchase of the former Lahey-Sedlack funeral home in December for \$117,000, which was paid in cash.

The total cost of purchasing and renovating the new city hall is expected to be between \$300,000-\$400,000.

Bridge repairs studied

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols said the city is looking into a way to improve the decking on the western side of the McKinley Bridge.

At Tuesday's council meeting he said removing and replacing the decking would cost an estimated \$10 million. However, one alternative could cost as little as \$500,000.

Flood concerns aired

Concerns by citizens about issues ranging from flooding to people occupying vacant houses dominated much of Tuesday's Venice City Council meeting.

Sonja McHenry complained about flooding on Douglas Street. She said that during previous flooding, several thousand dollars in damage was done to her car, and something needed to be done. She also said that it appears that flooding problems have increased.

Libraries get grant money

The Granite City Public Library has received \$51,011 and the Madison Public Library \$5,786 as part of the state's \$1,200,000 grant program, according to the Secretary of State's office.

"Our library system allows everyone to access the world of knowledge," said state Rep. Tom Holbrook. "This money helps our libraries to buy more books or to up-date their information systems."

Also receiving grants were the Granite City (\$1,746) and Madison (\$890) school districts.

'Trouble afoot'

Automotive writer honored for article about not driving

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

For most people, losing driving privileges for six months would be a major inconvenience.

For a magazine writer specializing in automotive issues, it could be a catastrophe.

But for former Granite City resident John Matras, it was an opportunity to write an award-winning article.

Matras was recently given the Ken W. Purdy Award for Excellence in Automotive Journalism by the International Motor Press Association.

"I'm really honored," Matras said. "They only give one a year, and it's quite a pat on the back."

A single award winner is selected each year from articles nominated by IMPA members. The award honors the memory of Ken Purdy, author of "Kings of the Road," other books and many magazine articles.

The award was presented prior to the New York International Auto Show press breakfast in early April.

Matras received the award for the article "Trouble Afoot" published in the June 26, 1995, issue of AutoWeek.

It was a first-person account of how Matras, having been diagnosed as possibly having epilepsy, and his family dealt with the six-month loss of his driving privileges and the insight gained into the importance of driving in the American lifestyle.

Since then, Matras said, he has been on medication and has had no problems.

He was also awarded the Washington Automotive Press Association's 1995 Golden Quill award for the same article. He is the first to have received both awards in the same year.

A 1966 graduate of Granite City High School, Matras is a 1970 graduate of the University of Illinois, and received a

masters degree in business administration from Governors State University in 1975.

Before becoming a writer in 1980, he worked as an inspector for the U.S. Customs Service in Chicago, and later for the Federal Highway Administration.

"It's my avocation and my vocation," he said of automobiles. "I was born with the car gene."

Matras, a self-described "car nut," said breaking into automotive writing is especially difficult.

"A lot of people want to do it, so it's a buyer's market," he said. "It's an area where you really have to know your stuff, because if you make a mistake, you will hear about it."

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He has also authored four books: Illustrated Vette Buyer's Guide, Illustrated Mazda Buyer's Guide, Mazda RX-7, and Illustrated Datsun/Nissan Sports Car Buyer's Guide.

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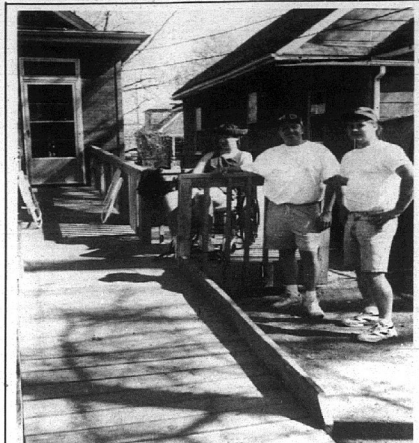
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Helping out — Granite City Jaycees President Rick Atwood, right, and Secretary Dax Aundt, middle, stand next to the ramp they built for Shawn W. Revelle, left, who has been confined to a wheelchair since being injured in a dirt bike accident. Atwood, a member of Carpenters Local 633, and Aundt took some time off work to build the ramp and make Revelle's house accessible. The Granite City Jaycees have recently reorganized and are always looking to help families in need. Anyone knowing someone needing assistance should call Atwood at 344-6701 or Aundt at 338-6016. Donations are also welcome.

CPA exam results announced

The Becker CPA Review Course has announced that the following local students passed the November 1995 CPA examination, the results of which were recently released:

Granite City: David Chapman.

The National CPA Examination is a two day exam administered every May and November by the State Board of Accountancy. More than 70,000 candidates sat for the last exam; generally only about 20% of those taking the exam pass.

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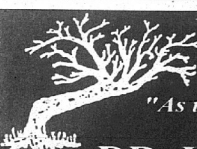
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children from a newspaper. I found a wedding certificate for one of her brothers. I went to City Hall and asked for the name of the town's oldest living citizen not in a coma and this led me to Buster, the fire chief, who walked into City Hall and listened to my story.

Buster told me that one of Joyce's brothers worked at the University of Tennessee and that one of her brothers-in-law was a fireman and gave me his phone number.

"Then I went back to my hotel," Sharon continued. "I called Uncle Charlie (and lied to him) in order to get a list of his family and where they resided. I told him I was doing genealogical research and he gave me the list. And there was Joyce, my mother, living only 30 miles away from my home."

Sharon returned immediately to Fairview Heights, called Karen Saunders who, within 24 hours called back with Joyce's address and phone number. "Talk about a small world!"

But even with the phone number in hand, Sharon "sat on it for a couple of days and finally called on my dear friend, Karol Mueller, and asked her to make the call for me. The next day, Karol called Joyce and I was so nervous I couldn't even stay in the house. I waited outside in the car for Karol to turn the porch light on as a signal she'd talked to Joyce."

From Joyce, describing that call, "Karol explained that she was calling for a friend and then asked me if Mother's Day 1982 meant anything to me and I said, 'Oh, boy, does it ever! I've been waiting for this call for over 43 years!' and we must have talked for about 45 minutes."

The next night, Joyce and one of her daughters drove down to Fairview Heights to meet Sharon.

The evening, all of them, remains incredible.

"On July 10 last year, I not only saw my birth mother for the first time, I learned I had five sisters, plus nieces and nephews and cousins and Bobbie. And they all WANTED me!"

"The most unbelievable part was that no one was slamming the door in my face!"

Happy ending? Ask the Jones family and their newest member, Sharon, who says, "It's the best of two worlds for me. A loving adoptive family I'll always cherish and the happy ending of a long search which found me a new family."

And, for the Jones family, there's a bonus: Joyce and Bobbie now also have a new 21-year-old grandson, Scott.

As for Joyce?

"I'd always known it would have to be her choice to look for me, but I was never sure it would ever happen. I'll never cry myself to sleep again on May 11, that's for sure!"

Free GED classes offered at BAC

Belleville Area College is offering free general educational development classes at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

A morning class will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., weekdays, from May 13 to June 7. Registration for the classes will take place at 9 a.m. May 13 in the Granite City Campus cafeteria.

An evening class will meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, from May 13 through July 10. Registration for the classes will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 13 in the Granite City Campus cafeteria.

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Girl Scouts Tierra Wigfall, above, and Kyeria Bailey, at right, listen to River Bluffs Council Girl Scout leader Angie Zahn.

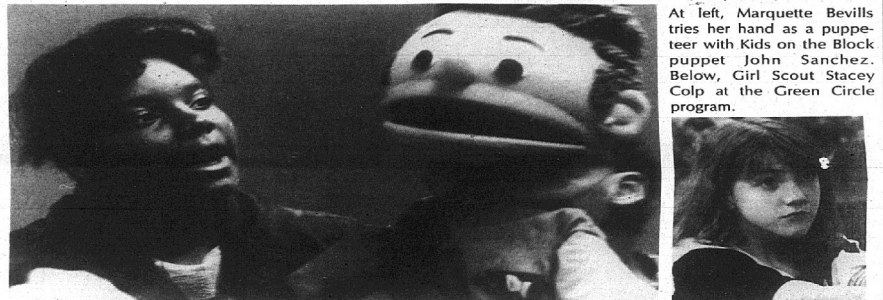
Scouting for fun, knowledge...



At right, Angie Zahn fields questions from a group of Girl Scouts from Granite City, Madison and Venice while presenting them with the Green Circle program, which teaches the importance of forming bonds between friends and family to build happiness and self-esteem. Above, Sylvia Ramirez listens to the presentation.



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At left, Marquette Bevilis tries her hand as a puppeteer with Kids on the Block puppet John Sanchez. Below, Girl Scout Stacey Colp at the Green Circle program.

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Shimkus backs control of union donations

SPRINGFIELD — Madison County treasurer and congressional candidate John Shimkus Thursday advocated legislation that would require unions to get advance permission from members before dues could be

used for political campaigns. Shimkus appeared at a news conference in the Statehouse with Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour, who also argued unions should be restricted from using members dues for campaign contributions. Barbour contended 40 percent of union members voted for Republicans but virtually all of the contributions went to Democrats.

"If they are going to use their members' money for political campaigns they should have their written permission to do so," Shimkus said.

He said while union members can apply to get a refund on dues used for political campaigns, most don't know it. "I know someone in Bethalto who's gone through the process," he added.

Arguing many union members are "social conservatives," Shimkus charged "many of them would be shocked at some of the positions of candidates supported by their unions."

The idea was promptly attacked by his Democratic opponent, Rep. Jay Hoffman.

What this is about is that John Shimkus is not supported by organized labor and working people and wants to deny workers their voices in the political process," Hoffman responded.

He said spending of union dues on campaigns "is something best left to the organizations and their members and I don't think we need government interference."

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED Attorney At Law

When a husband and wife have their wills prepared, it is usually recommended that each spouse have his own will. Generally the wills in this situation provide that when the first spouse dies, all of this person's property will pass to the surviving spouse. The question sometimes arises in these situations regarding the status of the wills if the parties obtain a divorce after the wills are signed.

Illinois law provides that a dissolution of marriage (divorce) revokes any gift under a will to the deceased person's former spouse. This is true as long as the will was signed before the entry of the divorce itself. Therefore, there may be no need to have new wills prepared in the event the husband and wife are divorced since the former spouse usually would not receive anything under the terms of the original will.

In one Illinois case, a husband signed his will in 1959. According to the terms of the will, he left all of his property to his wife. The will also provided that if his

wife died before him, all of his property would pass to his wife's son.

After the will was signed, the husband and wife obtained a divorce. Shortly after the divorce, the man died. The question arose as to who would receive his property after his death.

Applying Illinois law to the facts of this case, the Appellate Court held that the divorce destroyed any interest that the ex-spouse had under the will. Therefore, she received nothing at the time of her former husband's death. The trial court had gone one step further and ruled that the divorce actually revoked the will, and that therefore the stepson also was to receive nothing under the will. The Appellate Court, however, reversed this holding, and found that the divorce did not destroy the will and did not revoke it. The will remained in effect, but the former wife received nothing because of the divorce. The stepson in this case inherited all of the deceased person's property.

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Preliminary and quarterfinal games in each regional will begin May 21 at the site of one of the competing schools, with the school with the highest seed slated to host. Regional semifinal games are scheduled for May 27 at the regional host site, with the championship games May 27 or 28. Teams will be seeded May 14.

Centralia Sectional
at Kaskaskia College
Regional winners from Collinsville, O'Fallon, Jerseyville and Salem will meet in the sectional semifinals June 1. Semifinal winners advance to the sectional championship game June 3, with the winner advancing to the state tournament June 7-8 at Elftown Stadium in Geneva.

CLASS A
Chester Regional
Campbell Hill, Trico, Chester, Coulterville, Freeburg, Marissa, New Athens, Red Bud, Sparta, Steeleville.

Dupo Regional
Altoona, Columbia, Dupo, Gibault, Metro East Lutheran, Lovejoy, Roxana, Valmeyer.

Westlin Regional
Brees Central, Brees Mater Dei, Brownstown, Carlyle, Greenville, Lebanon, Mulberry Grove, Okawville, Westlin, Vandalia.

Preliminary and quarterfinal games in each regional will begin May 21 at the site of one of the competing schools, with the school with the highest seed slated to host. Regional semifinal games are scheduled for May 18 at the regional host site, with the

championship games May 20. Teams will be seeded May 7.

Marissa Sectional
Regional winners from Chester, Dupo, Nashville and Westlin will meet in the sectional semifinals May 25. Semifinal winners advance to the sectional championship game May 27, with the winner advancing to the state tournament May 31-June 1 at Lanthier Park in Springfield.

GIRLS SOCCER
Collinsville Sectional
Altoona, Belleville East, Belleville West, Cahokia, Carbonate, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Gibault, Granite City, Metro East Lutheran, O'Fallon, Roxana, Triad.

Preliminary games in each regional will begin May 18 or 20 at the site of one of the competing schools, with the school with the highest seed slated to host. Second round games will be played May 21, with the winners advancing to the sectional semifinals at the host site May 23. The sectional championship game is May 25.

Granite City Super-Sectional
Tuesday, May 28
Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Perla Richwoods Sectional winner. Winner advances to the state tournament May 31-June 1 at Hoffman Estates Conant High School.

BOYS TENNIS
Belleville West Sectional
Altoona, Belleville West, Cahokia, East St. Louis, East St. Louis Lincoln, Granite City, Jerseyville, Wood River.

O'Fallon Sectional
Belleville East, Bethalto, Civic Memorial, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Metro East Lutheran, Mascoutah, O'Fallon, Roxana, Triad, Waterloo.

Sectionals will be played May 18 or May 17-18. The top four singles players and top four doubles teams from each sectional advance to the state finals May 23-25 at Arlington Heights Hersey High School.



The Granite City Jammers, a first-year team in the Mitchell Girls Basketball League, finished second in league play and second in the playoffs with a 9-3 record. The team also won the consolation championship in the Good Shepherd Tournament in St. Louis. Team members are (from left) Bridget Curtin, Jenny Schooley, Monica Ozanich, Bridget Hopkins, Annie Bosslet, Maggie Ronk, Courtney Jerden and Jaime Rotter.

Fishing report

LAKES
Bull Shoals: 48 degrees, clear, 1' above power pool; all species slow. (East) 60 degrees, dingy, 1' above normal; crappie good on minnows & tube jigs; black bass fair on artificial grubs; artificial lizards & stickbaits; catfish fair on jugs; using hot dogs; all other species slow.

Busch Memorial: (Lake 33) 52 degrees, high, muddy; bass fair on crankbaits; crappie fair on minnows; all other species slow. All lakes at Busch Conservation Area are now at full pool and very muddy.

Clearwater: 55 degrees, dingy, 2' above normal; crappie fair on minnows & jigs; all other species slow.

Council Bluffs: 57 degrees, high, clear; bass good on spinnerbaits; redear & bluegill fair on worms; catfish & crappie slow.

Duck Creek: 64 degrees, full, clear; bluegill & bass good; crappie slow.

Hunnewell: 57 degrees, clear, 3' below normal; crappie fair on minnows; all other species slow.

Lake of the Ozarks: (Bagnell Dam) 46 degrees, normal, dingy; white bass & crappie fair, all other species slow. (Glaize) 57 degrees, 1 foot below normal level. Upper arm muddy & lower arm murky; black bass good; white bass fair; crappie fair. (Gravois) muddy; all species slow. (Nian-gu) muddy; black bass fair using plastic lures at the banks; crappie fair using min-

nnows in shallow water; white bass slow; walleye poor; catfish fair to good on prepared bait and natural bait; sunfish good around structures with worms & jigs with spinners. (Osage) clear; white bass & black bass good; crappie fair; catfish fair; all other species slow.

Long Branch: No report given.

Mark Twain: 51 degrees, dingy, 1 foot above normal level; crappie fair on jigs & minnows in 5-8' depths; all other species slow.

Montrose: 54 degrees, muddy, below normal pool; black bass fair to slow early & late using spinnerbaits & crankbaits; catfish fair to slow using cut bait & worms; crappie slow.

Norfolk: 60 degrees, dingy, 1' above normal; crappie good on minnows & tube jigs; black bass fair on artificial grubs, artificial lizards & spinnerbaits; all other species slow.

Pomme de Terre: 57 degrees, clear, 6' high; crappie good around shorelines, docks & cedar beds at 2-4' depths using jigs & minnows; black bass good around shorelines using plastic worms, lizards & crankbaits; catfish good in river channels using cut bait; white bass fair using Rooster Tails & jigs.

Stockton: 57 degrees, dingy, 6' above normal pool; crappie excellent around shorelines using jigs & minnows; black bass good using crankbaits; white bass fair; all other species slow.

Table Rock: (Main Lake) (Shell Knob) 61 degrees-63 degrees, murky; crappie fair on jigs & minnows; bass fair on

grubs & stickbaits; bluegill & sunfish fair in shallow water; all other species slow. (James River Arm) No report given.

Taneycomo: Heavy water flows limited fishing opportunities for fly fishermen in the dam area; catches of 10-15' on rainbow were good; water color clear & temperature ranging from 45 degrees in the upper lake, to 54 degrees in the lower lake; most fish caught on Power Bait, worms, trolled spoons & minnows.

Thomas Hill: 60 degrees, normal level, clear; strippers fair; crappie fair to good using jigs & minnows; bass fair to good; catfish fair on natural bait such as chicken liver & night crawlers; sunfish good on natural bait where the water is warm.

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•Softball

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in the Southwestern Conference, with two SWC games left to play. GCSS is 3-13 overall. Jennifer Willis was the hard-luck loser against West, walks and one extra-base hit against the Maroons.

The Lady Warriors amassed just five base hits on offense, with Amy Tapp (2 for 2) leading the way. Jill Ahlvers, Christina Greshouse and Emilee Rollins also had base hits for Granite City.

Germann said that despite the youth and inexperience on her team, she's still frustrated with the defense and the attitude of the Lady Warriors. "If we could just win the close games, we could maybe get over the hump," she said. "But the mental errors and mistakes are killing us. I can't deal with being short-gamed. It seems like a lot of the girls just don't care. I know some of them do, but many of them don't. I've tried every-

thing I know how to do to get them to play better. I guess what we just need is game experience. I'm already making phone calls trying to find out if a summer league to play in."

One of the few positives for Germann right now is the play of the junior varsity team. She said in the game against West, the JV team proved it could execute in tough conditions. The JV Lady Warriors lost 8-2, but Germann was still happy with what she saw.

In fact, she said she'll bring a few freshmen up to the varsity level this weekend when Granite City hosts its softball tournament.

Conditions permitting, the games will be held at Diamonds 7 and 8 at Wilson Park. At 10 a.m. Saturday, the Lady Warriors play Roxana and Wood River will battle Hardin Calhoun. The winners will meet in the championship game at 12 p.m. and the first round losers will also play at noon to decide third place.

•Lady Warriors

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ery with 27:24 gone on the clock.

After halftime, Collinsville made its best runs in the offensive third, and Tasha Siegel finally found the net in the game's 50th minute. Siegel slid a nice shot just inside the far post past Lady Warrior keeper Shannon Roth.

"We had some good passing in the midfield, but that's where it would stop," Wallace said. "I don't know. It's tough. A tough way to lose, but the final score doesn't reflect the kind of game it was. It was close for a while, up until their last couple of goals."

Just seven minutes after Siegel's equalizer, the Lady Warriors took the lead for good. Jaime Delbringe, playing in her first game of the season, picked up a loose ball in the Lady Hawks' penalty area and bounced a shot inside the near post.

Less than two minutes later,

Granite City took advantage of a Collinsville letdown to score again. Carrie Simpson sent a long ball at goalkeeper Julie Stout, but Tara Tomlinson got a piece of it just as she tried to catch it. Ismahane Mohsen scooped up the rebound and made it 3-1.

With just over four minutes left in the game, Amanda Nizinski converted a pass from Simpson to put the game away for Granite City.

"We came back to tie the game, and it could have gone either way at that point," Wallace said. "But they came back with a couple of strong goals, and basically took advantage of our lack of communication."

"At 3-1, the game's not over yet, and I don't want to see that early celebrating," Baker said. "But they stayed up and stayed with the rhythm. And we also did a much better job of our reverts. That's a big key for us."



The 1976 Granite City Warrior soccer team won the state championship with an overall record of 26-1-1.

Hall to induct '76 Warriors, Fleishman baseball squad

The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 10th annual banquet Saturday at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall.

Besides the 17 individuals to be inducted this weekend, the Hall of Fame will also induct two teams, and give special recognition to three other persons or organizations.

Teams receiving induction into the hall will be the 1948 Fleishman Clothiers baseball team and the 1976 Granite City Warriors soccer team.

Fleishman Clothiers was the 1948 Southwestern Illinois Inner-City League champions. Sponsored by Leonard Fleishman, the team posted a record of 25-5. The Inner-City League was composed of 10 teams from various cities in the Metro East.

Team members included Dave Morgan, Ernie Robertson, Kenny Gregory, John Gomez, Yock Lombardi, George Sebesak, sponsor Leonard Fleishman, Carl B. Byrnes, Charles Parker, Thomas Gushleff, George Grimm, Bob Schilling, Andy Conkovich, Paul Hawk, Earl Smaling. The team was managed by the late Thompson, and the scorekeeper was Charlie Hagan.

The team was a balanced squad with good hitting and fielding. Players such as Sebesak, Gregory, Smaling and Schilling all had experience in

minor-league baseball prior to playing on the Fleishman team.

Schilling, Sebesak and Grimm led the team in hitting. The team's top pitcher, Hawk and Gushleff provided the strength in the pitching department.

While playing at the Sacred Heart Diamond, it was not unusual for 400 to 500 fans to be in attendance for Fleishman games, as the team did battle with such teams as the Undertakers from East St. Louis and the Owens Glass Company of Alton.

In the championship series against Owens Glass, Fleishman won two of three games to capture the league title. The 1976 Warrior soccer team, coached by Gene Baker, captured the first of five straight Illinois state championships. The team's overall record was 26-1-1, and the Warriors were led by an overpowering offensive attack consisting of Rick Fernandez, Mark Goldschmidt and David Goldschmidt — three of the most prolific scorers in the state that season.

Fernandez and Rich Recheer tied a school record with 20 assists each that year, while Fernandez scored 24 goals and Mark Goldschmidt had 10 goals. But David Goldschmidt led the way with 33 goals that year, tying the school record at that time.

In goal for the Warriors was Barry Briggs, who totaled 18 shutouts in the 26 wins. The Warriors allowed only 13 goals the entire season. Meanwhile, the team's offense pounded the opposition with 123 goals scored.

In the state tournament semifinals, the Warriors defeated Highland Park 2-0, before defeating Wheaton Central 4-0 in the state finals. The team compiled numerous state records on its way to the championship.

Many Granite City residents may still remember the Warriors' return to the area when they were met on Route 203 by police, fire engines and a large group of fans, who escorted the team to the high school for a large celebration.

Other members of the team included Ken Prazma, Gary Phelps, Joe Theis, Jack Burnett, Mike Austin, Fred Schmitt, Mike Voegel, Greg Feigl, Mark Spifford, David Moutrie, Steve Spencer, John Prazma, Mike Novacek, Mike Marler, Alan Valencia, Al Paz, Dan Long and John Krevokich.

Each year the hall presents its sponsorship award to an organization, business or individual who has illustrated a prolonged dedication to the development of youth and adult athletic programs.

This year, the Hall of Fame will present the award to the Granite City Eagles, Aerie #1126 in recognition of the Eagles' continued dedication and service in Granite City.

In addition to the sponsorship award, this year the Hall will give special recognition to Nick Petrillo Sr. and Emerald Daves for their service, dedication and commitment to Granite City athletics.

Petrillo and Daves were the co-founders of the Granite City High School Boosters Club, and each also served as officers of the club, which has been responsible for funding many additions and upgrades at the high school.

Daves also supported high school sports before the Boosters, selling season tickets for events and forming the Nameoki Little League baseball team. He also sponsored teams in Park District baseball and softball.

Petrillo helped sponsor various football, baseball and softball teams. One of his girls' softball teams won five state championships.

Sports shorts

Memorial Day biathlon
The 18th annual Memorial Day Biathlon will be held Monday, May 27, at Lindendale Park in Highland.

Entrants may participate in the five-mile run and 15-mile bicycle ride, the five-mile run and/or the 2K fun run. The starting time for the event is 8 a.m.

Registration forms are available at most Illinois and Missouri Glik's locations.

Free race T-shirts will be given to the first 500 entrants. For safety reasons, all bike riders are required to wear helmets.

Family Fun Day
The Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City will host a Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 11. The annual event celebrates the month of the military child. The day's events will begin at 10 a.m. with the Morale Welfare and Recreation 3K Fun Run/Walk at the Price Center Gymnasium.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be food stands, carnival games, pony rides, a family double-dog show, a live performance by the Armed Forces Museum display and much more.

For more information on the Fun Run/Walk, call Paul Ellis at 452-4632. For more information on the Fun Day event, call Mark Pacatte at 452-4332.

Hall of Fame tourney
The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame will hold a scramble golf tournament Saturday, May 11 in conjunction with the induction ceremony. Seventeen members. The tourney will begin at 7 a.m. at the Legacy Golf Course.

The entry fee of \$25 includes prizes, food and drink and golf balls. There will be three flights, and a closing-in contest. Entrants are asked to send the fee, along with handicap and phone number, to Les Thompson, president of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame. For more information, call 876-7636.

•Banquet

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• Matt Kelahan, Granite City
A versatile player, Kelahan rushed for 281 yards and caught 14 passes for 101 yards as a fullback, while totaling 34 sacks, tackles and assists as a linebacker. He was honored as an all-Southwestern Conference linebacker. Kelahan's two seasons and was an all-district honoree in 1995.

• Lettering three years in football and four in swimming, the 6-foot-3, 240-pound tackle was the anchor of the Eagles' offensive and defensive lines.

• Troy Pingstehaus, Breese Matt Decker
Pingstehaus completed 61 percent of his passes last season while throwing for 1,883 yards.

• Andrew Ruesche, O'Fallon (Ill.)
Ruesche was a first-team all-South Seven Conference center and defensive lineman for O'Fallon, which finished the regular season 9-0. He was a unanimous all-conference defensive selection, with 35 sacks, 12 assists and three sacks.

•Kickers

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Returning to Granite City's lineup Monday was Jaime Delbringe, who had been out of action all season after injuring her knee in the preseason.

"It was a nice return by Delbringe, she really helped us tonight," Baker said. "She gives us composure, confidence and — if she's 100 percent, which she certainly isn't yet — she can play all three thirds of the field."

"In addition, she gives us added experience. She's a very solid player. She even knocks another one in limited time."

"I also thought Felicia Mohsen really came on for us, and the entire backfield — both Montgomery (Michelle and Melissa), Connie Meyers and Shannon Roth was pretty stable for us. She came on and gave us a good game."

"Crystal Timmons and Kristin Knox are stabilizing elements in the midfield, we're piecing things together. Izzy (Mohsen) came on in the second half. Tara (Tomlinson) didn't have the offensive thrust she's had but played well, and so did Carrie Simpson. She did a great job on restarts."

The win all but wraps up the conference for the Lady Warriors. They stand at 6-0-1 in conference play, well ahead of second-place Alton and third-place Collinsville.

"I'm not positive, but I think this just about does it," Baker said. He agreed that a conference title would be a significant accomplishment for a team that was young and inexperienced at the beginning of the season.

"The work ethic is there," he said.

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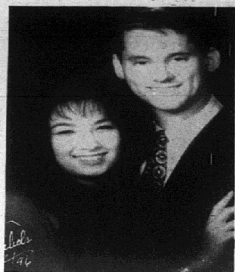
Marcum- Hicks

Shannon Michelle Marcum, daughter of Gary and Ruth Marcum of Granite City, and Danny Wayne Hicks, son of Sherry Hicks of Granite City and the late Daniel Hicks, have announced their engagement.

Marcum, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1993 graduate of Sanford Brown Business College, where she studied to be a paralegal. She is employed with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis as a machine operator.

Hicks, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with Schnucks in St. Louis County as a laborer.

A Sept. 14 wedding at Nameeki United Methodist Church is being planned.



Thuy Waterman
and Scott Shapiro

Waterman- Shapiro

Thuy Linh Waterman, daughter of Lewis and Mai Waterman of Granite City, and Scott D. Shapiro, son of Paul and Sandra Shapiro of Lexington, Ky., have announced their engagement.

Waterman attends Bellevue Area College and is employed with the J.C. Penney Styling Salon in Fairview Heights as a hair stylist.

Shapiro is working on his master's degree at Webster University and will graduate in May. He is a captain in the United States Air Force and is a pilot stationed at Scott Air Force Base.

A May 25 wedding is being planned.



Mr. and Mrs.
Johnny Pellazari

Pellazari- 35 Years

Johnny and Ann Pellazari of Granite City celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 24.

Pellazari and the former Ann McClure were married April 24, 1961, in Granite City. He retired from Local 42 in St. Louis after 22 years of service. She is employed with American Steel.

They are the parents of three children, Darrell Pellazari, Judi Clark and Lisa Warren, all of Granite City.

There are 10 grandchildren, Jason, Lee, Josh, Jacob and Joseph Pellazari; Robert and Crystal Gerber, Rachel and Lynzi Warren and McKenzie Stamboldjev.



Mr. and Mrs.
Michael Tapp

Tapp- 25 Years

Michael and Maggie Tapp of Granite City celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 18 at the Legacy Golf Course in Granite City.

Michael Tapp and the former Maggie Ward were married April 24, 1971, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Granite City, by the Rev. Joseph Enright.

He is employed with Medtronic Inc. She is employed with Central Bank.

They are the parents of two daughters, Melissa (Chris) Luffman of Rantoul and Melanie Tapp of Granite City.



Christopher Ostresh
and Carrie Kincer

Kincer- Ostresh

Carrie Renee Kincer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kincer of Granite City, and Christopher Ostresh have announced their engagement.

A June wedding is being planned.

Organizations

Methodist Women's Missionary Society

The Illinois Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its annual convention at 7 p.m. May 10 and 11 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1035 Market St. in Madison.

The convention is entitled "Explosion '96." Special guests include the Rev. Dr. K. Kay Owens and the Inspirational Singers of Chicago.

Owens is the son of the Rev. John and Dorothy Owens, pastor and first lady of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a product of the Metro East area and is formerly the president of the Young People's Division of the AME Church. Presently, he is the pastor of Carey Tercentenary AME in Chicago and is internationally known.

Other concert participants are the Illinois Conference Missionary Society Choir and the Bethel Church

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Eagle Park Acre Seniors

The Eagle Park Acre Seniors enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Snoodies Restaurant in St. Louis on April 24.

Those celebrating birthdays were Thelma Jenkins, Willie M. Davis, Thelma Howard, Willie M. Townsend, Myrtle Foster, Laine Gardner, Evelyn Wimberly and Velicia Jean Oakley, who was unable to attend.

The Eagle Park Acre Seniors teamed up with the Venice Silver Bells Seniors April 18 for a workshop on stress, which was given by Myrtle DeLoach, stress management and counselor of Chicago. She is the daughter of Robert and Christine DeLoach of Eagle Park Acres.

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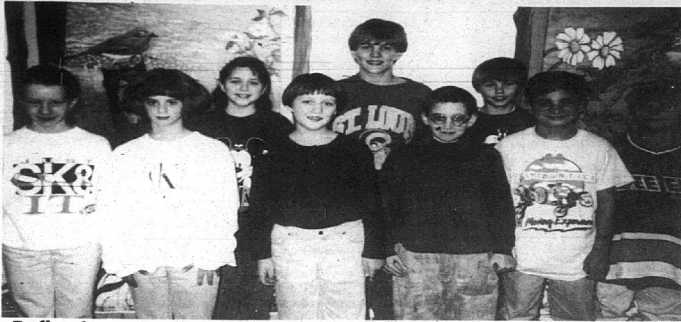
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Reflections — "Just Open Your Eyes and See" was the theme of this year's Reflections competition sponsored by the Illinois and local Parent Teacher Associations. Winners at Frohardt Elementary School were, from left, Monica Mathis, Danielle Thebeau, Danielle Waligorski, Lauren Ehlers, John Heck, Joseph Warchol, Alex Kwiatkowski, Ray Geroff and Billy Rollins. Waligorski's and Rollins' winning entries were also Illinois PTA District 29 winners and advanced to the state level of competition.



Sales force — Frohardt Elementary School recently conducted fund raisers and rewarded the top salesmen with prizes. Top salesmen in each grade received \$50, second was given \$25, and \$10 was the reward for third place. Every student that sold \$150 in merchandise was given \$5. Pictured from left are, front row: Leanne Faulkner and Steven Nemeth; middle row: Joseph Warchol, Darrin Webb, Nicholas Yount, Joshua Yuhis, Jessica Ray, Rachel Perkins, Carolyn Page and Zachary Smith; back row: Justin Ragan, Leisha Williams, Keanna Compton, Jennifer Smiddy, Candace Bonvicino and Emily Affolter. Not pictured: Asia Burnett, Lynzie Wiggins, Jake Ritchie, Justin Murray, Mike Orender and Corey McManamy.

Area scholar

Michael Halbrook of Granite City and 18 other students graduating from area high schools this spring have been selected to receive four-year Chancellor's Scholarships at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Selected on the basis of their previous academic work and special talents and abilities, the Chancellor's Scholars will receive monetary assistance, special academic status, and individualized educational opportunities while they are enrolled at the University.

St. Elizabeth honor roll

St. Elizabeth School has announced its third-quarter honor roll for the 1995-96 school year. In order to qualify, students may receive no more than three Bs with all remaining grades being As. The students listed are as follows:

Grade eight
Megan Francis, Jay Gensert, Mary Lofink and Megan Lyerla.
Grade seven
Elena Alegre, Laura Blanken-

ship, Nick Cuvar, David Dresch, Jonathan Franko, Jolene Harris, Sarah Jackatadi, Diane Lickenbrock, Andy MacTaggart, Ryan McAteer, Ghassan Mohsen, Lisa Morrison, Lauren Puszek, Kyle Whiteside, Nick Wiehard and Joe Wineburner.

Grade six
Jeff Blodick, Carly Blind, Brian Dittman, Nathan Gaudreau, Jennifer Hay, Steve Kamadulski, Kerry Koskie, William Kutosky, Kristin McGeehe, Jonathan

Petri, Tony Ruessing and Lindsay Schardan.

Grade five
Courtney Crews, Trisha Dittamore, Julie Dombeck, Frank Dorris, Kelly Harris, Katie Hartscher, Andrea Mangi, Anne McAteer, Nick Paskus, Tiffany Rath, Abel Silva and Laura Stanfill.

Grade four
Robin Baker, Ryan Goskie, Jake Hartwick, Ashley Shambro and Matt Skolio.

GCHS Swing Choir entertains seniors

The Granite City High School Swing Choir entertained 31 Pon-toon Beach senior citizens at their April meeting. Sandwiches and desserts were served following the business meeting and 50/50 drawing.

Attending were Earl and Rose Edmiston, Jeri Schieb, Betty McGinness, Corrine and Otto Kreher, Mabel Kennerly,

Frances Harper, Ed and Goldene Vanscoyk, Helen Niepert, Mary Merz, Bill Mille, Ruby Stonum, Ida Ferguson, Gladys Bass, Jim Hill, Lee and Betty June Ridgeway, Edna Webster, Joan and Walt Crowell, Irene McCaslin, Mildred Gross, Helen Chole-vik, Vera Bolton, Ruth Dagon and Misty Morris.



Calculating — The St. Elizabeth School math team competed in the Mathcounts contest earlier this year. Jay Gensert finished in second place and received a leader plaque for scoring highest on the team. Megan Lyerla took sixth place. The team was coached by Mary Ann Gensert, an instructor at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. All members are in Carol Mathes' eighth grade algebra class. Pictured from left are, front row: Megan Francis, Megan Lyerla and Scott Niggl. Back row from left are: Mary Ann Gensert, Scott Schardan, Jay Gensert, Andy Messina and Carol Mathes.

Brownies hold Olympic games

Brownie Troop 314 held its own Olympic games in March. The girls participated in both team and individual events. Individual ribbons were given for first, second and third place. Trophies were awarded for team events.

Individual events and place finishers were:
Hula hoop
Tasha Dittamore, first place; Heather Bodkin, second place; and Ashley Eavenson, third place.

Jump rope
Kelsey Johnson, first place, 45 jumps; Kelli Lamb, second place, 40 jumps; and Tasha Dittamore, third place, 27 jumps.

Clothes pin drop
Ashley Eavenson, first place; Tasha Dittamore, second place; and Carey Burton, third place.

Baseball throw
Tasha Dittamore, first place; Michelle Costello, second place; and Ashley Drury, third place.

Long jumps
Kelsey Johnson, first place; Carey Burton, second place; and Ashley Eavenson, third place.

Basketball shoot-out
Kelsey Johnson, first place; Ashley Eavenson, second place; and Carey Burton, third place.

Team one placed first in the bean balancing relay. Members of team one were Carey Burton, Heather Bodkin, Jessica Costello, Brittany Davison and Michelle Costello.
Team two won the obstacle course and clothes pin relay. Members of team two included Kelsey Johnson, Ashley Eavenson, Kelli Lamb, Tasha Dittamore and Ashley Drury.

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Summer preview

Big-name stars take a back seat to concepts and effects

Bill Paxton hasn't sold many movie tickets in his acting career. Few people would go to see the new "Twister" film. And the last time Michael J. Fox carried a hit film, people were leaping to see it.

Nevertheless, these decidedly B-list actors are the leading players in what could prove to be this summer's three biggest movies: Paxton's "Twister," Smith's "Independence Day," and Fox's "The Frighteners."

In a rare demonstration that star power isn't the only key to the box-office safe, several of the summer's most anticipated titles are driven more by eye-popping concepts than million-dollar performances.

Instead of paying the likes of Jim Carrey, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise \$20 million apiece, the producers of these three movies are pouring that precious loot into special effects and letting the stories, not the stars — do the talking.

Sometimes the idea is king," says Tom Rothman, whose 20th Century Fox studio is releasing "Independence Day" on July 3.

A number of inevitable star vehicles — including Carrey's "Cable Guy," Schwarzenegger's "Eraser," and Cruise's "Mission: Impossible" — are sprinkled throughout the school-break season. Yet when all the receipts are totaled, the marquee players could trail their starless competitors.

Simply having a big star in a lead role is no guarantee of success. Just take a look at Julia Roberts' disastrous "Mary Reilly" and the Sharon Stone fiasco "Diabolique."

A good plot or fantastic special effects (or both), on the other hand, can make the potential drawbacks of a low-cost cast disappear.

Universal Pictures is betting that writer-director Peter Jackson's execution of the comic supernatural film "The Frighteners" (July 19) will prove more attractive than the movie's cast.

Ever since the "Back to the Future" films of a decade ago, Fox has starred in one clunker after another: "Life With Mikey," "For Love or Money," "Greedy," and "Where the River Flows North," although he did have a supporting role in last year's modest hit, "The American President."

"Universal's line has always been that

the concept was the story — they never wanted it to be star-driven," says Jackson, who made 1994's "Heavenly Creatures."

Beyond Fox, "The Frighteners" is filled with the relatively obscure performers Trini Alvarado, Peter Dinklage, Dee Wallace Stone and Jeffrey Combs.

"I like working with actors who don't bring a huge amount of awareness to the film," Jackson says. "You want to let the character, not the actor, drive the movie."

Recent Hollywood history suggests that small stars can indeed yield big profits.

"Jurassic Park," the highest-grossing film of all time, didn't break records because it featured Jeff Goldblum and Laura Dern. The draw was the dinosaurs. "Batman" concept is a popular enough franchise to survive two leading men — Michael Keaton and Val Kilmer — and is about to get a third, with TV's George Clooney.

"Twister," which opens May 10, is one of the summer's most talked-about movies not because of actors Paxton, Helen Hunt and Jami Gertz.

The buzz is being generated by the special effects: For the first time since 1939's "Wizard of Oz," a tornado has a co-starring role. The movie is directed by "Speed's" Jan De Bont and was written by Michael Crichton (who wrote "Jurassic Park") and his wife, Anne-Marie Martin.

In the film, Hunt (of TV's "Mad About You") plays Paxton's estranged wife. The two are Midwest storm chasers determined to get in the path of a tornado. Once there, they hope to place scientific instruments in the cyclone's path, taking measurements as the devices are sucked into the vortex.

"It's not that I didn't want stars," says De Bont, noting that Hunt is well-known to TV viewers. "I wanted actors that had a natural talent. The star of the movie is nature, so you better have actors who can act natural."

"If I had cast Arnold Schwarzenegger, you would expect him to behave in a certain way — he would probably pull out a machine gun and try to shoot the tornado. There are a lot of limitations to big stars."

And a lot of costs. Without a high-priced actor, the makers of "Twister" — like "Independence Day" — put the bulk of

their \$75 million budget into computer effects.

"Independence Day" is about another menace in the sky: Instead of a tornado, it's invaders from another planet. The movie stars Smith (of TV's "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"), Bill Pullman and Goldblum.

The premise of "Independence Day" is the kind of wild storyline made famous in the peril films of years ago.

In the same spirit of 1955's "Invaders From Mars," the new film presumes that life exists beyond Earth. Rather than bearing gifts from another solar system, the "Independence Day" aliens intend to destroy the Earth over the July 4th weekend.

Dean Devlin, who wrote and produced "Independence Day," says he and director Roland Emmerich were inspired by now-famous movies that, at the time, starred hardly famous actors: "Jaws," "Star Wars," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

"Those were the films that Roland and I fell in love with as children," says Devlin, who collaborated with Emmerich on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and "Kurt Russell in a starring role."

As for putting superstars in leading parts, Devlin says it often ruins a film's suspense. "You know who's going to survive at the end of the movie," Devlin says.

"We've always had a simple philosophy in casting," Devlin says. "We don't care if somebody's a big star or a little star. We just want the best possible actor for the part."

When John Carpenter made "Escape From New York" 15 years ago, Russell wasn't a big star. Thanks to "Coma" and "Star 80," Russell's more famous now, but Carpenter says Russell alone can't bring people into this summer's sequel, "Escape from L.A." (Aug. 9).

While Paramount paid Russell \$10 million to star in the follow-up, the studio spent another \$40 million on the movie itself, guaranteeing good special effects.

(The original cost just \$7 million.)

"The audience has changed since 'Escape From New York' — you have to give them more juice," Carpenter says. "Five movies open every weekend. You're trying to get attention, but how do you get awareness up, especially in the hinterlands?"

The answer for several of this summer's films may be the same: loud bells and whistles. Come Labor Day, that formula could clinch the summer sweepstakes.

— Associated Press

Horoscope

Thursday, May 9
All right, all you mavericks, the moon in Aquarius fosters the urge for originality and brash actions. For artists, salespeople and engineers, the wilder your thoughts are, the better. Those in advertising who work for small agencies can win mega-accounts with their seal-of-the-pants presentations. Overall luck goes to those trying to finish school. Keep on studying!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make emotional breakthroughs. Jobs comes from recommendations. You've been sidetracked by family responsibilities — now, do something for yourself. Get away from people who won't treat you decently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Simple gestures and remarks mean a lot. Be precise when speaking to authorities. A relative or marriage partner must solve a problem himself or herself — you can't do it for this person.

CANCER (June 21-July 21) Mention what you want, and a newly met acquaintance will help you get it. Poor time management keeps you from using your extraordinary artistic abilities. Face the fact that you need more self-discipline.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've had enough of a leisurely life. New jobs or outlets for your abilities come in July, but only if you handle a crisis once and for all. Have as much concern for yourself as you do for your children.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Minimize your exposure to risk — the less you jeopardize, the further ahead you'll end up. Be concise about what you want as others may try to confuse the issue. Money arrives from out-of-the-blue sources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) The most obvious choice is the best. Prepare for possible transportation delays. Review financial matters that may no longer be in the best of hands. A romantic is romantically interested in you. Others side with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone is playing games with you. Your truthfulness may hurt you, so be discreet. You receive discounts, bargains or freebies. Your powers of persuasion can be used in all circumstances. Love strikes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Show others your wit and keen sense of humor. You'll be selected over others who are more qualified. A cherished idea won't fail if you pump sound energy into it. Postponing minor chores angers partners.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your attitude and sense of fun attracts luck and opportunities. Get out in public — don't hide. Reward colleagues, new lovers and children with praise and new, enjoyable responsibilities. Delegate power.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Sudden visits, calls and meetings lead to fabulous invitations. Nice well-to-do friends could actually cost you money. Don't try to live beyond your means. Being alone is better than being with negative people.

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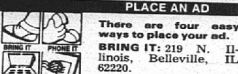


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